



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 923**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVINGS THROUGH ADOPTION OF  
HIGH PERFORMANCE ENERGY EFFICIENT GREEN BUILDING  
STANDARDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes, any new construction of a facility that  
3 is projected to cost not less than one million dollars, for which not less  
4 than twenty-five per cent of the costs are financed with state funds,  
5 shall comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b)  
6 of this section. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
7 in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Works, may exempt  
8 any building from the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
9 provided they both find, in a written analysis, that the cost of  
10 compliance with subsection (b) of this section significantly outweighs  
11 the benefits. For purposes of this section, "facility" means any building,  
12 including, but not limited to, a state-financed housing project or a  
13 building that is used or intended to be used as a school.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Secretary of the Office of  
15 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
16 Public Works and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,  
17 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
18 54 of the general statutes, that are consistent with or exceed the silver  
19 building rating of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental

20 Design's rating system for new commercial construction and major  
21 renovation projects, as established by the United States Green Building  
22 Council, or an equivalent standard, including, but not limited to, a  
23 two-globe rating in the Green Globes USA design program, and  
24 thereafter update such regulations as the secretary deems necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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